

THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of May 9, 2006

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 12:00 noon, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Al Gaither, Eve Agee, Joyce Beatty, Joe Kerley, Brenda Isaac, Carolyn Setzer and Karen Foss, Library Director.

Call To Order: Joyce Beatty, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Karen Foss presented the Library Director's report as information. She reported the following:

- Big Read: The partnership with Lenoir Rhyne College, Catawba Valley Community College and Hickory Public Library that resulted in the first one community, one book reading and discussion opportunity for Catawba County has been very successful. More than 2,000 people participated in the Big Read. The next book to be promoted throughout the County is Color of Water by James McBride, author and jazz musician. Mr. McBride will be at CVCC on April 14, 2007.
- Sherrills Ford: Two (2) acres of land have been proposed as a possible site for a future Sherrills Ford Branch Library expansion project in a planned "village center."
- Marketing Grant: Posters and brochures have been completed and are now being used to help promote the Library. New brochures were distributed to the Board members.
- Staff News: Richard Haunton is the new branch manager at Claremont. Betty Jean Stinson, Manager at Maiden Branch, has completed her Masters degree in Library Science.
- Summer Reading Program: Registration for Summer Reading Program begins June 1. A variety of programs are planned to highlight this year's theme: *"Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales"*.
- 2006/2007 Budget: Proposed budget for 06/07 is \$2,134,288; this reflects a 1% increase.

2006-2010 STRATEGIC PLAN:

The final draft of the Strategic Plan for Library programs and services was distributed to the Board. The plan included a new vision and mission statement, statistical information comparing Catawba County Library with other library systems, survey responses, and goals in ten areas. Board president, Joyce Beatty, noted that there were many meetings, discussions, and good input from library staff and strategic committee members. The plan was reviewed and discussed. The plan was approved as presented; no additions or changes were made. The plan was funded by a \$15,000 grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administered through the State Library of North Carolina.

OTHER BUSINESS

Teen Advisory Board:

Ms. Foss discussed the possibility of developing a Library Teen Advisory Board that would be made up of teen library users from throughout the County. The teens could help youth librarians to plan services and programs and they would like to see offered for teens at the library. There was a discussion.

Collection Agency for Library:

Ms. Foss addressed the use of a collection agency to help the Library system collect large overdue fines and reimbursement for lost books. There was a discussion.

Joe Kerley made the motion following motion that:

THE WORDING SHOULD BE STRONGER IN THE LETTERS MAILED OUT TO CUSTOMERS FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS AND THAT A COLLECTION AGENCY BE USED FOR CUSTOMERS WHOSE FINE IS \$100 OR MORE.

Eve Agee seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2006, 12:00 Noon, Main Library

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shull, Secretary